

CORRESPONDENCE.

North Hamilton.

School closes in this district next Friday. Wilson Sowers is talking of selling his farm.

Carl Abbott is still very low with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Frank Sowers returned to her home at Elbridge last Monday.

We find that this lying abed to write isn't the easiest position in the world.

George Harris has had a lay off for a week, but has returned to his work on the railroad.

Girls, don't run when a young man comes, even if you are cleaning house. Ask Ida and Lulu.

Mrs. Ferris' mother, Mrs. Burlingame of Geneva, is taking care of her daughter during her illness.

We received a very pleasant call last Sunday morning, from the principal of the Keeler school, Charlie Sowers.

The two good looking school ma'ams of this burg, Misses Leona Johnson and Ella Harris, are enjoying a vacation.

Gobleville.

Sill Wilcox is putting up an addition to his house.

It is reported that the *Electric Light* has changed hands again.

The first frost of the season visited us on the last day of October.

G. A. R. concert Friday and Saturday evenings, November 5th and 6th.

We notice Mrs. Bert Brown behind the counter of the new dry goods store.

The meat market has been renovated and painted and is very much improved.

We hope all the readers of the *NORTHERNER* voted with a clear conscience on Tuesday last.

Look out for the great play of "Under the Laurel" by the band boys, in the near future.

People are rushing up buildings here at a great rate and are getting ready for an open winter.

James Carl has traded his house and lot for a horse, and will confine himself to preaching, it is said.

Tom Dorgan and Ed. Herron are each putting up a barn. Mac Stout is attaching a kitchen to his house.

Mrs. Draper, the milliner, goes to Kendall this week, to open a shop. Mr. Ninian Ferguson will occupy her residence here.

Elder Carpenter of Fremont, Newaygo County, made us a pleasant visit last Sunday. He intends to enter the Battle Creek College next week.

The editor of the *Light* seems to revel in all the slang his correspondents may send in regard to Pete Glimmer, and that is one reason why his paper is losing its circulation.

Life Buhland lately escaped from the asylum, it is said, and enjoyed a night's visit with his family. His appears to be a strange case. He seems to be perfectly sane at times, but is not to be trusted.

Mr. Darius Austin and wife have been visiting friends and relatives here. Darius was an old army chum of ours and was wounded at Laverne, Tennessee, in the famous charge of Wheeler's and Forrest's cavalry on the first Michigan engineers and mechanics.

Apples seem to have taken up the attention of farmers for the past few weeks. The roads have been lined with teams drawing them to market, although the highest price paid here for good parring apples has been ten cents per bushel. Thousands of bushels of cider apples are rotting on the ground, there being no cider barrels to be had.

Decatur.

Ransom Nutting is shingling his house and barn.

Mrs. Oscar Caldwell has three brothers visiting here.

Lon Ray has been having another attack of rheumatism.

Capt. Ed. Stewart of South Haven, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Taylor is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Mead, and other friends in town.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Carney, a girl baby. All are doing well and Papa Dan, is happy.

Rev. Rice of Ohio, preached in the Universalist Church last Sunday. He will preach again next Sunday, morning and evening.

Philander Trowbridge has been to Chicago to consult a physician in regard to a disease that has been troubling him for some time.

A twelve pound boy at Dr. G. L. Rose's last Thursday. The doctor was much disappointed that he was not at home to welcome the little stranger.

Lawton.

Main street is being leveled up somewhat by the road machine.

J. H. Hitchcock of Freeport, Ill., is visiting for a few days.

Riley Doolittle was looking over the town the other day and transacting business.

All is excitement here over election, which is about all the news there is. At this writing everybody wants to know who gets left.

Lawrence.

Another little one at Joe Feebles—a girl—and Joe is happy.

Miss Aggie Simmons has been engaged for the winter as assistant teacher in our school.

Dr. W. E. Rowe has returned from his western trip, and will remain here for a time, at least.

Mr. Dan. Kelly of Lewis Center, Ohio, brother of the late Henry Kelly of this place, visited friends here and at Kalamazoo last week.

When John Allen and wife, living some four miles north of this place, returned from town last Thursday, they found their home in ashes; supposed to have taken fire from the stove or chimney. Contents insured, but house not.

Mrs. M. H. Peabody, who has been sick for some time past, died at her home in this village, last Tuesday, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. P. was born in Oneida County, N. Y., but has been a resident of this village and vicinity for many years. She leaves an aged husband and seven children.

PROSPECT LAKE.

Seth Bass and family have come back to Michigan to winter. Mr. Bass' health is very poor.

Dance at John Nower's last Tuesday evening; a good time was enjoyed by all who were there.

Carl Hoadly of Gliddenburg, has hired to Charles Christie, and moved into his tenant house and begun work.

Prospect Lake Sunday School has a brand new organ, paid for. Now let us have a choir and be up with the times.

We hear rumors of several weddings before long. May be only rumors, but guess the things will materialize just the same.

We would like to know whether it is color blindness or near sightedness that was the reason one could not tell a strawberry blonde from a smoked yankee?

We feel sorry for the Waverly correspondent. From the wailing, one would suppose he or she had fallen among thieves and drunkards. We have two cider mills near here, but no one gets drunk, as there is no hard cider to be had, and we have no thieves; at least we have not heard of any pilfering going on lately.

They Read the Papers.

The following incident, though a little old, has the merit of being strictly true and has never before been made public. Shortly after the last presidential election, two men, one a democrat, the other a republican, angry over a political dispute, approached one of the staunchest democrats in Van Buren County, and each deposited a dollar in his hands, saying they had made a bet and wanted him to decide it. The referee being somewhat of a sporting man himself, readily agreed to the proposition, and asked them to state the bet. They replied that the question at issue between them was whether or not Zach Chandler was defeated for congress by George L. Yaple, the republican maintaining that he was not, and the democrat maintaining that he was, that at one election Chandler won and at the next that Yaple was the victor. The referee was astonished and, turning to the republican, he said, "Do you take any newspaper?" "Yes," was the reply, "I take two of them, the *New York Weekly* and *Saturday Night*." "And you," said the referee, turning to the democrat, "what paper do you take?" "I take the *Chicago Ledger*," was the reply. "Very well," said the referee, handing each man back his dollar, and addressing himself to the republican, "You take your dollar and put another half with it, go to Paw Paw and, opposite the Dyckman House, you will find the office of the *True Northmen*. I don't like the paper, but it will give you the news, and you just subscribe for it and you will know who the candidates are and when so eminent a man as Mr. Chandler dies. And you," turning to the democrat, "do likewise and subscribe for Jim Jordan's paper, the *Courier*, a paper that I like better than I do the *Northmen*, and you will also know more about current events." "But," exclaimed both democrat and republican, "You don't say Zach Chandler is dead?" "Yes," was the reply, "he has been a couple of years or so, and don't you ever call him Zach again. He was a partisan republican and I despised his politics, but he did many great things for Michigan, and is entitled to your respect as an eminent citizen of our state." "Well, I declare," said both the disputants, "I am beat, and will take your advice, but don't put it in the papers." And they went home reflecting on the folly of spending their money for literary trash.

Interesting to Democrats.

Emmett I. Northrop, candidate for register of deeds on the fusion ticket, has always been a consistent democrat. The same cannot be said of his opponent; he was never a consistent democrat, nor is he now a consistent republican. —*Advance*. Evidently the republicans of the county thought Mr. Monroe a good enough republican for them. They elected him by a handsome majority, and he ran best where he was best known.

Sherwood's election is a foregone conclusion; the only question now is the amount of his majority. —*Courier*, Oct. 27th. Not much of a prophecy, Bro. *Courier*, was it? It takes a long time to sign to represent Mr. Sherwood's majority. The buttonhole campaign didn't win.

Wonder if O. W. Rowland will accompany Burrows on his voyage up Salt River? He certainly will unless he loses the seat before next Tuesday night. —*Courier*, Oct. 27th. We have concluded that we have no call to take the trip.

In next week's issue of the *Courier*, we hope and honestly believe, we shall be able to announce the election of every officer on the union state ticket, and also the ignominious defeat of Julius Caesar Burrows for congress. —*Courier*, Oct. 27th. We sympathize with our honored contemporary in its bitter disappointment.

Mr. Sherwood is gaining ground every day, and he is bound to represent in the next congress, the people of the 4th congressional district of Michigan. —*Courier*, Oct. 27th. Where in the world would he have gone if he had been losing, instead of gaining ground?

The republicans begin to realize that they are fighting a losing battle in Michigan. —*Free Press Herald*, Oct. 27th. Is that so? Well, well, if they fight a few more such battles it will soon be true that "anybody can carry Michigan"—on the republican ticket.

The *NORTHERNER*, in its last week's issue, speaks of the Lawrence convention, (democratic and greenback) as the "undertakers." The astute editor of that enterprising(?) sheet is entitled to credit for once in dubbing the above parties as "undertakers," and these same parties will, this fall, perform with pleasure and in a satisfactory manner, the funeral obsequies of the party whose cause the *NORTHERNER* endeavors to champion.

Furthermore, the laboring men throughout the state are interested in this funeral, and will assist, by their ballots and influence, in "laying out" the party in Michigan this fall, that boasts of its moneyed Michigan Club, and which is the recognized champion of monopolies. —*Courier*, Aug. 25th. We were present at that funeral, but there was no republican corpse. The republicans concluded to themselves not as "undertakers."

It is conceded in the state that it will only be by a desperate effort that they—the republicans—can come anywhere near carrying the fourth district. —*Detroit Free Press*. Mr. Burrows' magnificent vote places the *Free Press* low down in the ranks of false prophets.

We see that Chandler has abandoned the idea of moving to Paw Paw. He will move on his farm near Hartford. We congratulate Mr. Chandler for this one display of good judgment. We take it that he has abandoned all hope of an election this fall, and will settle down on his farm. —*Courier*, Oct. 6th. Much as Mr. Chandler would like to have pleased the *Courier*, he has concluded to do the prosecuting business of Van Buren County for the next two years. He feels grateful, however, to the *Courier* for its able assistance.

Mr. Alger was elected by a plurality of only 3,500, and was made governor, though he received 9,127 votes less than a majority of all the votes cast. Since then, the democrats have come into National power, and the prohibitionists have grown rapidly. How then can the republicans hope to win? They cannot win. —*The Center*, Oct. 28th. But they got there just the same, Center dear, by a handsome plurality. Your desire for the success of the democratic party must have warped your judgment.

Those two republicans whom "Doc" Woodman took so much pains to get out to the polls, and who didn't vote the fusion ticket, wish us to say that they are very much obliged to him for their ride just the same.

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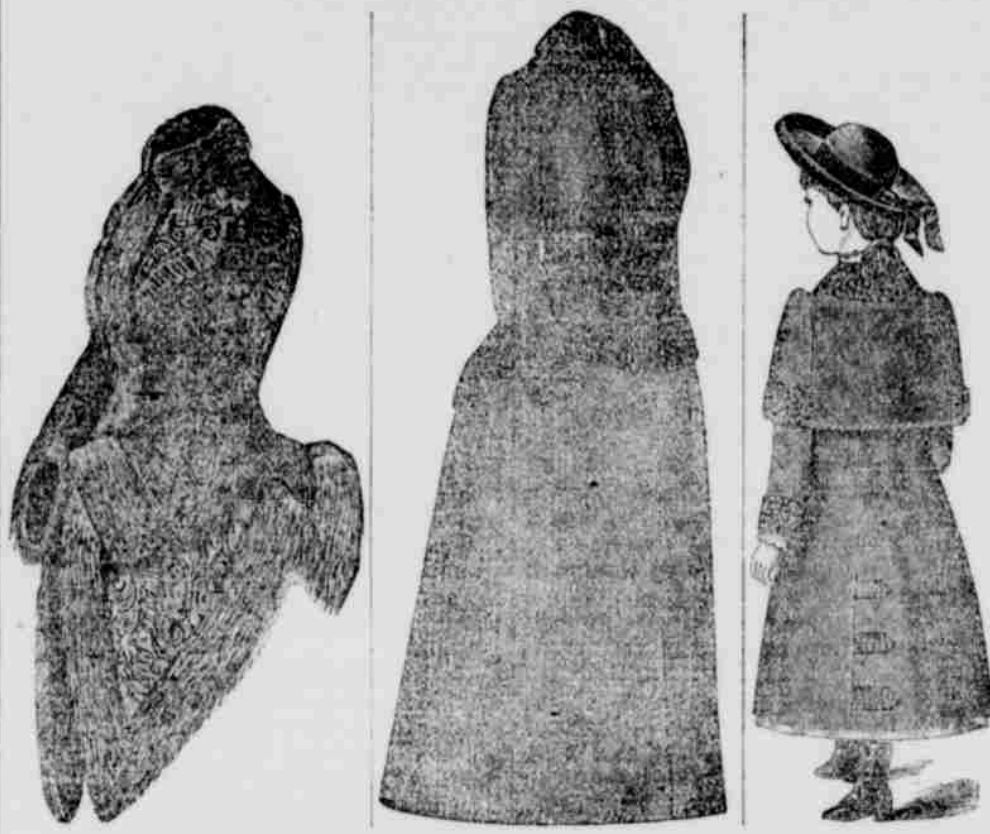
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